

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The present invention is set forth and characterized in claims ~~the main claim, while the dependent claims describe other characteristics of the invention or variants to the main inventive idea.~~ --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In a ~~preferential~~ first embodiment, the through apertures have a cross section shaped substantially like an upside-down V, so as to promote the passage of the water from the top downwards, to prevent the formation of static drops and prevent the apertures from possibly being blocked by the roots emerging from the seeds.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In a ~~preferential~~ form of embodiment, the upper face of the bottom wall of each container has a plurality of ridges, knurls or similar, which increase the contact surface between the seeds/shoots and the bottom of the container, thus improving the conditions of water exchange.--

Please insert the following new paragraph after the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 25:

-- The features and advantages described herein are not all-inclusive and, in particular, many additional features and advantages will be apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art in view of the drawings, specification, and claims. Moreover, it should be noted that the language used in the specification has been principally selected for readability and instructional purposes, and not to limit the scope of the inventive subject matter.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 31, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- These and other characteristics of the present invention will become apparent from the following description of a ~~preferential~~ form of embodiment, given as a non-restrictive example

with reference to the attached drawings wherein:--

Please replace the Section Title beginning at page 4, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERENTIAL FORM OF EMBODIMENT--